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Art Unit: 2171  
Examiner: Patrick J.D. Santos  
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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/991,693 filed November 26, 2001  
Inventors: Thomas P. BEALS  
Title: Method for Organizing Laboratory Information in a Database  
Atty Dkt. 16517.321

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) are the following documents:

1. Response; and
2. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier.

In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe any fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any fees are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter LLP Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing docket number 16517.321. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures